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Applicant: Howard W. Morgan
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Title: FILTER WITH SNAP-FIT FILTER BAG
Group/Art Unit: 1724
Examiner: Minh Chau Thi Pham
Attorney Docket No.: 135-103 Filter

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

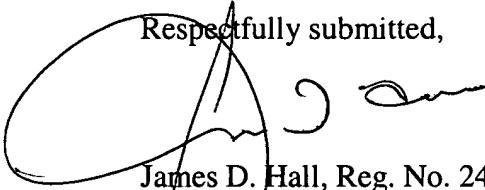
This is in response to the office action of February 22, 2005.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harris. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The claims in the subject application call for a rib protruding from the bag ring sidewall with the rib fitting into a groove in the vessel sidewall so as to secure the filter element in the vessel. Such a construction is not at all present in the Harris reference. The examiner states that rib 28 in Harris fits into a groove 30 in the vessel sidewall. Item 30 in Harris is not a groove, but rather the rim of the filter bag. Also, Item 28 in Harris is not a rib which protrudes from the bag ring sidewall as stated in the applicant's claims, but rather a seal which is secured to the filter housing.

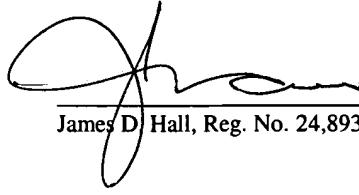
Accordingly, Harris does not anticipate nor render obvious in any manner whatsoever the applicant's invention as defined in claims 1 – 5. Accordingly, claims 1 – 5 are in allowable form.

Respectfully submitted,


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